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### SAM LANGFORD RETIRES.

"Boston Tar Baby" Through as a King Contender.

Sam Langford, the "Boston Tar Baby," is through as a ring contender. When he took the count in the sixth round of his battle at Panama, Saturday night, against Harry Wills, it was certain for his career, and it is unlikely that he will receive any more bouts on his

return to this country. Ten months ago Fred Fulton gave him such a beating in Boston that he declined to leave his corner for the seventh round. It was a technical knockout, the first in his lengthy record.

Uncle Sam showed himself a good judge of ball players when he decided to draft Grover (Cleveland Alexander) and Bill Killifer.

## In The World Of Sport

### Baseball Briefs

Pertica, a young pitcher with the Los Angeles club, is attracting wide attention on the coast, and baseball men out there predict that he will soon be in the big show.

The Browns stand to lose Nunnaker, Williams, Gerber and Houck in the present army draft.

Pat Moran isn't worrying over the absence of Cy Williams now that Meusel is playing great ball as the Phillies' centre fielder.

The Cubs have placed Pitcher Tom Seaton and Outfielder Harry Walter with the San Francisco and Sacramento Coast League clubs respectively.

Herb Hunter, former Giant youngster, who is playing shortstop for the San Francisco club, is hitting the ball hard but has averaged an error a day since the beginning of the season.

Bert Daniels, once a popular member of the Yankees, will manage the St. Joseph Western League team this year.

Miller Huggins is satisfied that the Yankee scouts picked up a promising player in Sam Vick, last season with Memphis. "His style at the bat hardly could be improved upon," Huggins remarked in discussing this young player. "He is a natural slugger and one of the best young prospects I have seen in a long time."

### Enormous Golf Business.

All the British golf and ball manufacturers report record sales. The McDaid of Edinburgh have patented a new machine for winding golf balls. Henley's, makers of the "Why Not" ball, have just distributed \$200,000 to their lucky shareholders. Motor tires, however, were largely responsible for this big showing. Five thousand dozen golf balls a month is the record at present of another big firm. Lack of material and men is the only factor that is preventing 1918 being a record year in the golf trade.

### DISTURBED BALL GAME

German Airplane Over Town Where American Soldiers Were Playing.

The big league baseball teams in the spring training camps at home have nothing on the American soldier so far as limbering up the old wing and priming the batting eye is concerned.

Back of the lines, in the rest camps in France or along the roadside, you can hear the thump of the ball in the mitt, the crack of the bat, and all the familiar baseball sounds—as well as a few war sounds thrown in, says a writer.

The game of "old cat" was broken up recently by an airplane-anti-aircraft gun scrap overhead. The game was being played in the middle of the public square at Lunenburg (about ten miles from the German border and nine miles back of the front lines). There was a good bleacher crowd of mixed poilus and doughboys. The sun was beaming down from a cloudless sky, and the war seemed a thousand miles away.

By just then an "Archie" spoke, and everyone looked skyward. There was the Boche. Gun after gun came into action. Pluffy white rings broke all about him. He dodged and twisted and turned. Within a few minutes the guns had put a complete circle of bursting shells about the plane. Then American rooting began.

"Attaboy; get him, kid; get him—just as a close one—now, just once more!" were some of the cries that went up.

Everyone was bending back, shading his eyes and watching the sight. The airplane got through the circle of "cream puffs" safely and darted back toward home, an occasional shell bursting behind him.

"Foller him up kid, foller him up!" was the encouragement shouted from the American rosters. But the Boche outlegged the guns and disappeared.

"Who's at bat and who's on base?" a sergeant yelled as the machine disappeared. A minute later the ball game was on again.

As a special ticket the National Lacrosse Union will probably be rationed during the coming summer. Nationals and Shamrocks may have to fight it out among themselves again.

Pitcher Fred Toney is expected to join the Reds shortly.

### LIFTED 3,010 POUNDS

Feat of W. L. Travis at Montreal Lifting Contest.

The weight lifting tournament was brought to a close in Montreal when the prizes were presented and a back lifting competition was decided with W. L. Travis, the American champion, the winner by a large margin. Travis also gave a spectacular demonstration of his strength in two teams of horses pulling in opposite directions. They failed to pull his arms apart in two trials.

In the back lift only three men competed. Travis winning by lifting 3,010 pounds on a platform. Dan Durand lifted 2,142 pounds and Giroux failed at the same weight. The world's record for the back lift was made by the late Louis Cyr in Chicago during the year of 1897, when he lifted 4,390 pounds.

Gendron, who made such a good showing in the tournament gave an exhibition of lifting small bell bars with one hand. He raised one weighing 226 1/2 pounds from the floor to his shoulder and then above his head. Following this exhibition the prizes were presented. The first amounting to \$300 in cash, went to Hector Decarie along with a belt donated by Joe Cattarinch.

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